BAR HILL NEWS

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YOUR REBRANDED 'FETE AND FESTIVAL 2019'

The fete committee have been hard at work trying to accommodate the suggestions we've had regarding the village fete. We have therefore rebranded as the 'Fete and Festival'. We have a brand new website – www.barhillvillagefete.co.uk. Please check it out. You will shortly be able to book a stall via the website. You can also use the website to provide any comments or communicate to the fete and festival committee.

One thing you've said you want more demonstrations and things to do – do you have any ideas or can you help out with a demo, show off your skills or even better teach other's to do it? Contact us at: webmaster@barhillvillagefete.co.uk.

YOUR BAR HILL NEWS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Help is needed with the printing and delivery of the Bar Hill News – a few hours a month will make sure it gets printed. Contact the Residents Association, all details in the inside front cover.

Look forward to hearing from you!

— FAMILY HISTORY SESSIONS — BAR HILL LIBRARY

Caroline Norton, from the Cambridgeshire Family History Society will be running drop-in sessions on the following Mondays, 10am – 4pm during 2019:

21 January, 18 March, 20 May, 15 July, 16 September and 18 November.

Caroline is a very experienced researcher and can help with getting started, finding ways to move on if you've got 'stuck' and advice on resources and websites to use. Why not come down and see if she can help. It's free!

UPCOMING MEETINGS re 2019 FETE AND FESTIVAL

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Social Club:

13th March	10th April
8th May	12th June

Please do come along and help make the Fête a community event to be proud of. A little of your time could be invaluable; there are jobs as small as putting out cones or putting up posters, to big jobs like coordinating bookings. There's something to suit all levels of expertise and time. Please help bring the community spirit back to Bar Hill!

THE BLACK HORSE, DRY DRAYTON

We re-opened last Summer following refurbishment and we are delighted to have met many people from Bar Hill who have already visited. However, we are still hearing that people don't know that the pub is open again so we thought it would be a good time to let you know!

We have spent quite some time making the pub light and bright to create a bit of a contemporary feel yet retaining much of the character and charm of such an old building. We think that we now have a pub that is relaxed and welcoming.

Not just a pub...we offer tea, coffee and cake all day, light lunches (perhaps with a glass of wine!) and have home-cooked pub food in the evenings. On Saturdays we have an all day "It's the Weekend!" menu and serve a traditional roast for Sunday lunch. Families and dogs are welcome (we have met a lot of your lovely dogs already!) and we hope that we provide something for everyone.

For your information, our opening hours are:

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10am–4pm and 6–9pm,
Fridays: 10am–4pm and 6–11pm,
Saturdays: 11am–11pm,
Sundays: 12noon–5pm.

The kitchen is open from 12.30–2.30pm for lunch on weekdays, and evening meals from 6-8pm, from 12.30–8pm on Saturdays and 12.30–2.30pm for Sunday lunch.

We also enjoy hosting events at the pub. In February we are pleased to have two live music nights featuring local singers/musicians (**The Cyriacs on Saturday 9th** and **Victor Velocette on Saturday 23rd**, free admission btw!) and we'll also have a Valentines Dinner and are planning a Quiz Evening to take place in early March. We'll then be heading into Spring and the pub garden will be ready and waiting for you!

For more information, enquiries or bookings, please contact us on **01954 488150**, email amanda@blackhorsedrydrayton.com or check out our website www.blackhorsedrydrayton.com. We look forward to welcoming you to the Black Horse sometime soon.

Amanda and Colin O'Neill

... did you know ...
20% of China's plants are used in medicine?

— RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings.
Next meeting: 5th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL RESIDENTS, FROM THE TEAM THAT BRINGS YOU THE BAR HILL NEWS

Deadline for March's edition: 15th February to bhneditor@yahoo.com
or see page 2 for other contacts.

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

ADVERTISING

All matters relating to advertising should be addressed to the Advertising Coordinator at: ab10034@cam.ac.uk.
Quarter-page adverts cost £16.50 per month and must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to inclusion. These ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication, but this often results in a waiting list.
To help overcome this, we publish Maxi and Mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space. Maxi ads (6cmx4½cm – 9cmx6cm) are £8.50 per month; Mini ads (6cmx2cm – 6cmx4cm) are £5 per month, and should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. [Items offered For Sale will be advertised in two consecutive editions, so please let the Editor know if the item(s) sell after the first time.] All items can be submitted electronically on disk or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: **01954 780442**
www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies — call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:

Monday to Friday — 8am – 6.30pm

On the day appointments: bookable by phone at **8.30am**.

Midwife	Monday	9.30am–12.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon *and* 1.00–4.00pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		**01954 207612**
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School)*.

— BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.
Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.
We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.
If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.
Contact: Josephine Powell T: 07901 558108; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or Patricia Daniels T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

BOARD GAMES & NOVELS IN COMIC-BOOK FORM

Have you any of these you do not want? On days of winter when children at Bar Hill School cannot play outside due to inclement weather, board games and novels are useful to entertain them during the morning and lunchtime breaks.
If you have any, please deliver to Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove, or to the school.
Any buttons, embroidery cotton and ribbon would be appreciated.

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— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light-hearted. It is for women of all ages who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings – you'd be very welcome.

7th February – Natural Phenomena – volcanoes, glaciers, tsunamis, tornadoes and earthquakes

21st February – Hair and Wigs – all about hair and the history of wigs

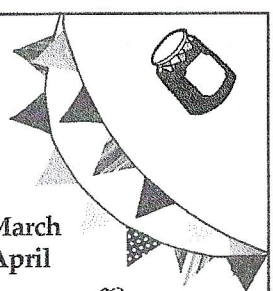
7th March – Talk by John Drayton, MBE on the Barrington cement works and the archaeology of the site

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £23 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Bobby Colver on 01954 781662 or Karen Hayden on 01954 781843.

NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk.

Why not have a look!

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET



Saturday 2nd March
Saturday 6th April

Entry is Free

10.30am – 2pm

All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments and Soup at Lunchtime with a BBQ if weather permits.
If you wish to be part of the market please contact Karen Austen 01954 781085;
E: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com;
Facebook – Bar Hill Community Market

BICYCLE REPAIRS & SERVICING – 07914 655086

— HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUB —

Held on the second Tuesday of the month between 2–4pm in Tesco Community Room, the group focuses on aspects of promoting and maintaining good health in every area.

We start with a chair based exercise activity followed by advice from Tesco's departments.

This is a unique and friendly group and is an ideal place to meet new people.

Next meetings: **12th February. Please note** there will be **no meetings in April or May.**

For further information, contact Wendy Arrowsmith on 01954 781381.

— HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets on most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church and runs from 11am until 3pm with coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Winter lunch time menu consists of soup and a roll (at £1.50), baked potato with butter (at £1.50) or filled baked potatoes (cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans at £2.50) or a ploughman's lunch (at £2.30).

Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members.

Coming up:

4th February: Sing-a-long
11th February: Your favourite love story/film/song
18th February: Pictionary
25th February: Did You Know?
4th March: Pancake Art

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Anne Plumb, 01954 780364

— BAR HILL BOOK CLUB —

Next meetings: on **Tuesday 26th February** at **7.30pm** in **Bar Hill Sports & Social Club**, The Spinney, Bar Hill.

Please join our friendly group, we offer a lovely welcome, good company and great book choices.

Let me know if you would like to join us and I will arrange a warm welcome.

sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk or tel/text: 07920 558319

DRY DRAYTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our W.I. meets at 2.30pm on the second Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall, High Street, Dry Drayton.

Visitors are always welcome – £5

Contacts: Huguette 01954 781484
Alice 01954 782497

COUNSELLING

Depression, Anxiety, Stress, Bereavement, Addiction, Couples etc.

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— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school at 8pm. The cost is £10 for the year plus 50p each month to cover the raffle and coffee.

We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal. Our upcoming meetings are as follows:–

7 February – the development of Ely cathedral as we know it today

7 March – history of salt

4 April – Birthday party (members only)

If you'd like further information please phone Barbara on 01954 204171, Adela on 01954 204265, Ann on 01954 204687, or come along to one of our meetings. We'd be very pleased to meet you.

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

The concert by "Prime Brass" in February at Bar Hill Church, published in December Bar Hill News, has had to be postponed. A firm date will be announced as soon as possible.

However the Huntingdon Concert will still be coming to perform for us on Saturday 18th May for their regular annual concert.

Thank you to all our loyal supporters and watch this space for an update.

Many thanks

Sue Kenchington

Dear Editor

I felt I have to write to express my own and many other residents complete and utter disgust at the decimation of the hedgerow along the Spine path at Hillcrest.

This beautiful and natural hedgerow which was not in any obvious need of any work or attention, has rather than just being cutback or tidied been completely ripped out for a 50 metre stretch.

What was a fantastic habitat for wildlife, home to countless songbirds and animals including hedgehogs, has been totally destroyed and amounts to little more than wanton vandalism.

Sadly it will take years for this hedge to grow back to anything like it was. And what was a lovely hedgerow, home to wildlife, natural barrier between the houses, and enjoyed by pedestrians along the path is now just an ugly eyesore.

As a resident I do understand that the villages hedges need to be maintained, but as a keen lover of nature and conservation to be quite frank the work done in this case was well over the top and an utter disgrace. I really hope that in the future if the Parish Council has any further plans for hedge work around the village they learn from this and brief their contractors much better so that damage like this can be avoided in the future.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Phillips, Hillcrest resident

Dear Editor

Thanks to a very community spirited resident of Bar Hill, we've had a successful vintage book library created out of the old BT phone box on the spine path, which has been running for nearly a year now. However the parish council has had the phone box on the removal list for a while and it is due to be removed in March of this year. It is sad that we have to say goodbye to something that was such an inspired use of this space, but now all the books will need to be rehomed by the end of February and the phone box cleared. I would like to thank the unknown persons who started it as it was a lovely addition to the village.

There is still hope if a charity or small organisation applies to adopt the phone box, it may still be saved and able to continue.

Best wishes,

Amber Neale

Dear Editor

We used to enjoy walking around Bar Hill because it's clean. Now, it's frustrating that there are pet owners who are very irresponsible to just leave dog poops on the road and on the pavement.

Please would you put a reminder on the Bar Hill News for pet owners to be responsible in picking up their pet's poops to maintain the cleanliness of Bar Hill.

Thank you.

Best regards

Mary Ann Arabe, Watermead

— COMBERTON RAMBLERS —

Comberton Ramblers walk alternative Sundays between 5-7 miles. We are a friendly/informative group and enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this area.

New walkers are very welcome to join us with up to two free walks, and if you enjoy yourself, we request that you become a member.

Annual membership fee is £8.50 per person.

Our full walks programme and photos can be viewed at: www.combertonramblers.org.uk

For further information please contact Stella on T: 01954 210049 or E: stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

RHYMETIME and STORYTIME

Bring your child or children up to the age of 7 to the Library to share in Rhymetime or Storytime. Enjoy some time with them while they develop their speaking and listening skills.

Sessions are free and there is no need to book.

Rhymetime is for 0–3-year-olds and is held on **Tuesdays**, from **2.15–2.45pm**. Share with your baby or toddler in singing rhymes, and meet other parents and carers.

Storytime is for 3–7-year-olds – It is held on the second Saturday each month from 11–11.30am. Bring your child to listen to stories, sing and join in a craft or colouring activity.

Your dates for February

Rhymetime: Tuesday 5, 12, 19 and 26 February, from 2.15–2.45pm.

Storytime: Saturday 9 February, from 11–11.30am.

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Free:

Old upright piano still plays a good tune. Free to anyone who can collect.

For Sale:

Lindam Stair Gate, complete with instructions and fixings, very good condition – £10

Telephone 01954 780298

— BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL —

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: 01954 780456
e-mail: clerk@barhillpc.org.uk.
Please note that the office is normally open to residents between 10am and 12noon, Monday to Wednesday.

Our website is at: www.barhillpc.org.uk.

Lost Property – we have a number of items of keys, phones, spectacles and walking sticks that have been left at the Parish Council Office over the last few years – please contact the office between Monday to Wednesday 10am to 12am to claim. We are unable to continue to hold these items and those that we do have will be disposed of by 31 March 2019.
Resident are reminded that it is the policy of Bar Hill Parish Council to not respond to anonymous letters/emails/ telephone calls. Please give your name, address and if possible email address/telephone number, so that we may contact you to discuss your concerns further/obtain further information etc as necessary. We respect the wishes of residents regarding confidentiality as requested.
Dog Fouling – darker evenings and mornings over the past few months has resulted in an increase in people not clearing up after their pets. Please bag your pet's poo and deposit it in the dog bins we provide, or take it home. It is unacceptable to leave it on paths, roads, verges, open spaces etc. People are urged to report offenders to https://www.scambs.gov.uk/form-type/report-it immediately. The District Council has the powers of enforcement on this issue and will be very pleased to receive details. Fines can be hefty! So dog owners – beware!
The **Annual Parish Meeting** at The Octagon will take place in the **Spring**. This is your chance to come along to hear what the Parish Council and many of the village organisations have been doing and what is planned for the future. It's also an open forum for you to raise questions and concerns about the village. Further details regarding speakers etc to follow.
Contractors have been in the village cutting back hedges, trees and shrubs in accordance with the planned tree management survey. Work has also commenced on cutting back grass and vegetation on the network of paths around the village. Contractors have undertaken the clearance of some of the areas of bank on the Hollytrees stream, in accordance with statutory regulations, regarding protecting the water voles while major improvement works are carried out to most sections of the banks which is scheduled for January/February, before the breeding season starts.
BT have informed the Council that they will remove the decommissioned telephone kiosk at Pheasant Rise by **31 March 2019.**
Fly posting is not accepted in Bar Hill – all posters will be removed immediately
Fly-posting is the display of adverts or other promotional materials on buildings or street furniture and is not permitted by the council. It can be difficult and expensive to remove and makes an area look untidy and uncared for. You can report to the enforcing authority, South Cambs District Council, online or by phone quoting exact location, approximate size and numbers of posters or flyers and details of the event or business being advertised. They will arrange for removal as soon as possible: env.health@scambs.gov.uk or Tel: 03450 450063.
If you do have an advertisement for a Bar Hill community event please contact the Council Office where a copy may be placed in the noticeboard.
Please contact the editor Bar Hill News, bhneditor@yahoo.com to place a note in the next edition of the Bar Hill News by the 15th of the month before publication.
Flytipping is an offence and there are hefty fines for culprits. Please do not leave your waste, including garden waste on parish council land.

Handy telephone numbers/contact details:
Cambs County Council: Births, deaths and marriages; buses; consumer protection; education; libraries; public health; recycling and waste; roads and highways; social care; street lighting; trading standards; transport and travel. Tel 01223 717111
South Cambs District Council: Building control; business rates; car parks; council tax; elections and voter registrations; environmental health; housing and homelessness; leisure centres; licensing; pest control; planning; refuse/bin collection; street cleaning Tel 03450 450500 https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/not-sure-which-council-to-contact/
To report issues on **footpaths, public rights of way, and roads** https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults. Tel 01223 717111
Streetlight maintenance http://www.lighting cambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault.htm or enquiries@lightingcambridgeshire.com Tel 0800 7838 247. You will need to give the number on the lamp post
Cambridge Water Company (water supply) http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk Tel 0800 316 7676
Anglian Water (waste water) http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/ Tel 0800 145 145
Any concerns about **footpaths and road surfaces**, including the perimeter road, please contact Cambridgeshire County Council on https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/
for **streetlight outtages** please report urgently to Balfour Beatty street light fault reporting form or call 0800 7838247.

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...did you know...
45,000 thunderstorms around the world occur every day?

— Bar Hill Church —

Services during February

Sunday 3 February	10:00 am	Holy Communion (Anglican)
	6:00 pm	Informal Worship
Sunday 10 February	10:00 am	All-together Worship
Wednesday 13 February	10:00 am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 17 February	10:00 am	Holy Communion (Reformed)
Wednesday 20 February	3:15 pm	Messy Church (in the Octagon)
Sunday 24 February	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Morning Worship

BAR HILL CHURCH
spread the word

Social Calendar for February

Olive Tree Coffee Morning Saturday 16 February 10:30 -11:30 am in the Meetings Room

Knit & Natter every Thursday 1:15—3:00 pm in the Octagon (contact Sue 01954 780260)

Coffee Stop every Wednesday 10 am - noon in the Library (contact Sue 01954 780260)

Art Group every Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00 pm in the Octagon (contact Jan 01954 201495)

Bring Your Own Craft Group Saturday 23 February (contact Karen 01954 781085)

Church Contacts

Church Office	Ian Pryke	01954 206120	office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Minister	Rev. Charles Mather	01954 277119	charlesmather20@yahoo.com
Address	Bar Hill Church Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH		
Website	**https**://barhillchurch.org.uk	**Facebook**	https://facebook.com/barhillchurch

Interested in hiring the church facilities?

To hire the rooms in the main church building or the Octagon please contact Ian Pryke in the Church Office using the details above.

LOVE LIFE – LOVE SLIMMING WORLD
Join our warm and friendly group at
Bar Hill School on Wednesdays at 5.30pm or 7.30pm.
Want to lose weight and never feel hungry?
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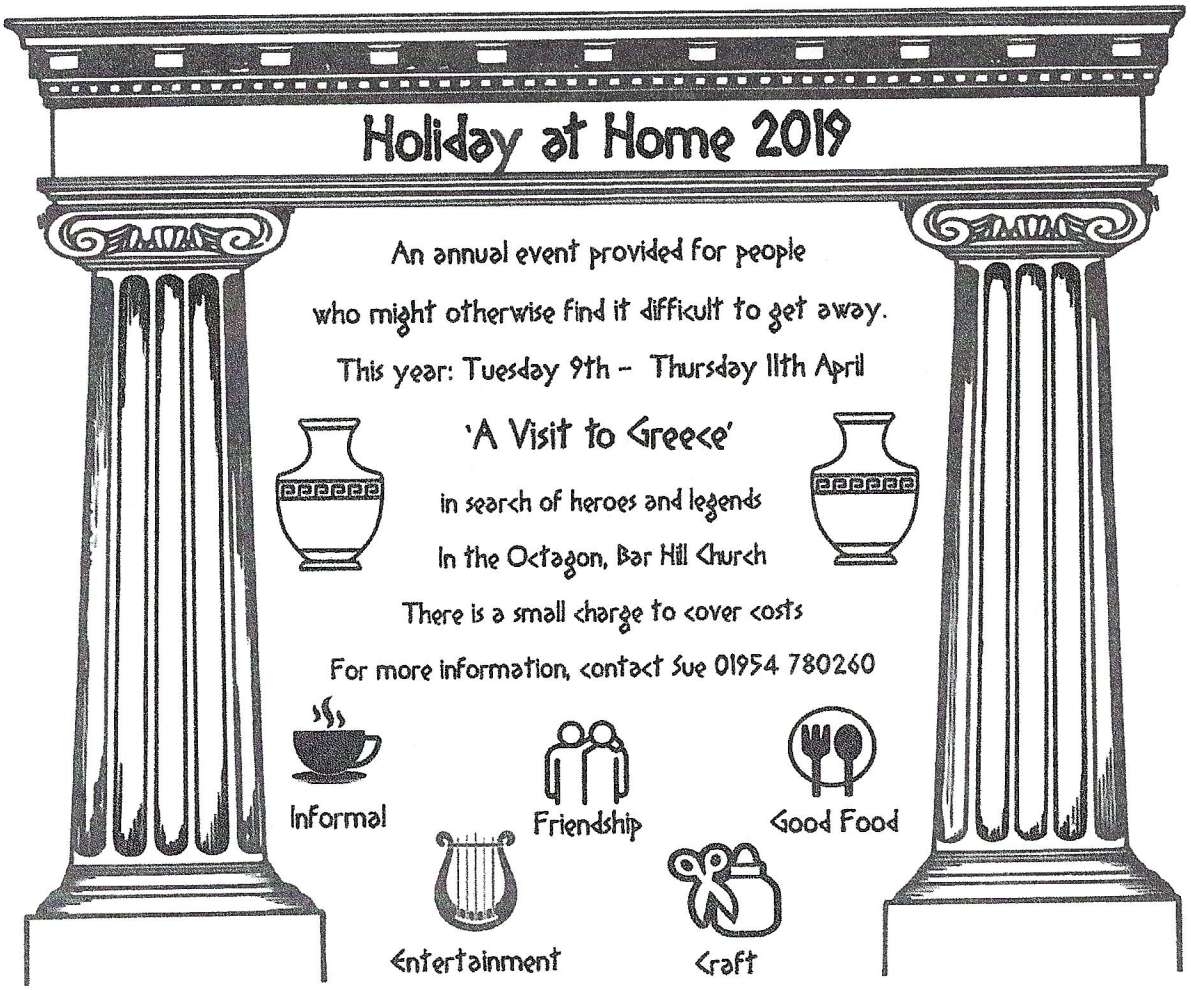
— Bar Hill Church —



— Catholic Church —

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill
Hills Road, Cambridge

Parish Priest: **Rt. Rev. Mgr Eugene Canon Harkness** Tel: 01223 350787

Local contact: **Bunty Waters** Tel: 01954 201421

Mon., Weds., Thurs., Friday 8am & 12.15pm

Tuesday 8am & 7.30pm

Saturday 6pm: First Mass of Sundays

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and **6pm at The Octagon, Bar Hill.**

Holydays of Obligation 8am, 10am, 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45pm (not after Mass)

Saturday 10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm

Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the 6pm Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

Home Visits

I am happy to bring communion to house bound Catholics. I also visit people at the end of their lives, of any religion or none, who would welcome support or are distressed spiritually.

Contact Jean: 07841 397338, Catholic Eucharistic Minister. Associate Member of the Hospice Chaplaincy Team.

— INDOOR CARPET BOWLS —

We are a mixed group who meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time from 7.30–10.00pm with a ½-hour break for refreshment – all for £1.50 each evening you play.

We do not play in any leagues so even if you have never played before do not be put off. Why not come along and join us on any Friday evening with your 1st session being free?

We look forward to welcoming you.

If you require any further details please contact Barbara on 01954 204171.

— BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL —

- Conference Facilities;
- Seminars;
- Committee/Meeting Room;
- Training Days;
- Exam Sessions;
- Wedding Receptions;
- Birthday Celebrations;
- Anniversary Celebrations;
- Charity Events;
- Children's Parties;
- Jumble Sales.
- Kitchen Facilities.
- Excellent Parking and Catering Facilities.

During the week we have the following groups and clubs:

Mon.	(TTO)	Helene's School of Dance	4–6pm
		Craig Burns Boot Camp	6.15–7.15pm
	(TTO)	Pilates	7.15–8.15pm
Tue.	(TTO)	Over 50's Dance Class	2–3pm
		Shotokan Karate	6–8pm
Wed.	(TTO)	Helene's School of Dance	4.30–6.45pm
		Clubbercise with Marilyn	7.15–8.15pm
Thur.	(TTO)	Pilates	10–11am
		Little Kickers	1.45–2.45pm
		Little Kickers	3.30–4.30pm
		Weight Watchers	7–8pm
Fri.		Martial Arts	6–8pm
Sun.		Bingo	7–9.30pm

(TTO) Term Time only

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call 01954 782414 and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

BAR HILL FOOTBALL PROJECT

3G Astro facility available for hire in Bar Hill.
For more details contact Julie Marin, Bookings Secretary, 01954 781838 or 07770 687437

CAMBRIDGE PINKS – BREAST CANCER NOW REGIONAL GROUP

Cambridge Pinks had a brilliant third walk on 4th November.

On a rather damp but warm morning we headed off for a leisurely walk along the tow path from Milton Country Park to Cow Hollow Wood in Waterbeach. We saw wildlife, fishermen, joggers, cyclists, and a rowing team. We stopped again at Cow Hollow Wood to enjoy well-earned hot chocolate or tea and salted caramel brownies. Once again, we managed to recruit a lively spaniel, who was more interested in the undergrowth than our picnic! Feeling fully revived we headed back along the river to Milton Country Park, what a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon. And with a total raised of £171 for Breast Cancer Now, a very rewarding day.

If you like what you've read, we are going to do the same walk again in 2019. So keep your eye on the press coverage or drop us an email for a registration form and more information:
jo@hartmcleod.co.uk or avrilwilliams04@gmail.com

Avril Williams
Cambridge Pinks – Breast Cancer Now Volunteer Group

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What's on...

1st Feb	charity quiz for Sarcoma UK; 7.30 registration
2nd Feb	Glamtastic in the village hall from 8pm
9th Feb	membership treasure chest draw
15th Feb	Valentine's disco
23rd Feb	membership treasure chest draw
2nd March	Charity Quiz for Jos Cervical Cancer Trust; 7.30 registration
9th March	membership treasure chest draw
23rd March	membership treasure chest draw
30th March	Greyhound Racing Night in aid of youth cricket club and Harry Searle fundraising

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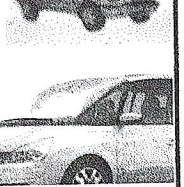

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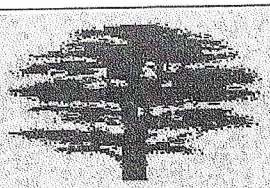

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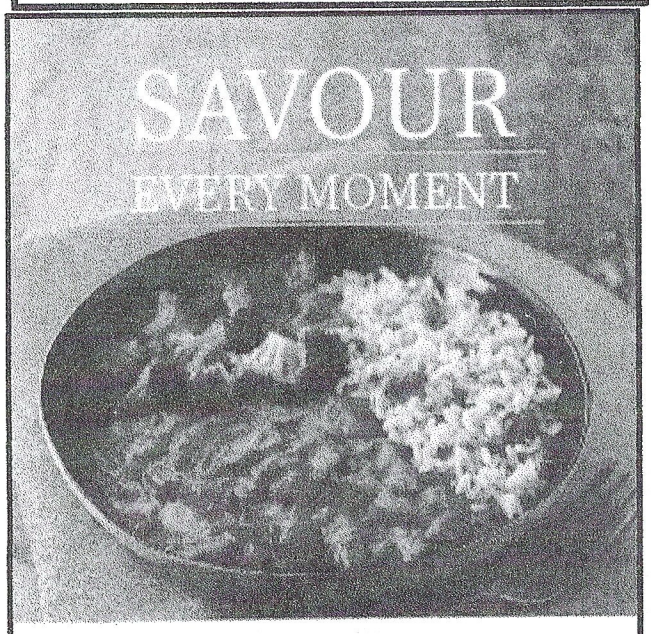

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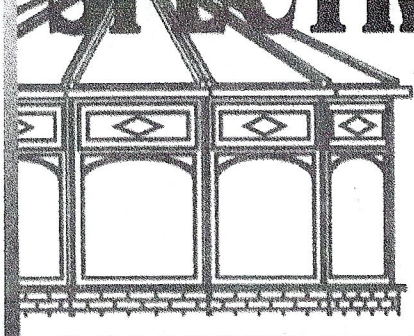

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Each appointment costs an average of £30, adding up to more than £216 million pounds, to say nothing of the disruption for staff and fellow patients. This sum would pay for: the annual salary of 2,325 full-time GPs; 224,640 cataract operations; 58,320 hip replacements; 216,000 drug treatment courses for Alzheimer's disease; the annual salary of 8,424 full-time community nurses.

Unfortunately, this is a problem we experience at both surgeries. In December 2018, 102 patients did not attend their booked appointments with a GP or nurse, and we were unable to offer the appointment to someone else as we had no notice. This is an estimated average cost of £3,060*.

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Yellow Fever – the surgery will no longer be offering the Yellow Fever vaccinations for those that are travelling to countries where the vaccination is recommended. Please contact your local travel clinic to find details of alternative Yellow Fever Centres.

Check Before you tick – a new campaign from the NHS aims to help people understand if they are entitled to free prescriptions and how to claim correctly to avoid penalty charge notices of up to £100. All you need to do is visit nhs.uk/checkbeforeyoutick to use the eligibility checker.

Carers Support Meetings – are held on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics – next clinics at Willingham Surgery are on Wednesdays 20th February, 20th March and 17th April from 2–4pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

— SUPPORT BEREAVED PARENTS —

Still birth and neo-natal death charity Sands is seeking volunteers to help out at your local Cambridgeshire Sands.

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Sands is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity supporting hundreds of parents every year. We work nationally to reduce baby deaths through promoting better maternity care and funding research. We have a programme of training and a wealth of resources to support professionals to improve the bereavement care they provide following the death of a baby. We provide a comprehensive bereavement support service nationally through our FREE Helpline and locally through over 100 regional support Groups across the UK including your own Cambridgeshire Sands.

Losing your much longed for baby in late pregnancy or shortly after birth is the most traumatic and devastating trauma any parent can experience. A whole future is taken from that family. Sadly that happens only too often. Currently 15 babies a day die in the weeks just before or after birth. Sands aims to care for those families with practical and emotional support for as long as they need.

Not all committee members have to be bereaved parents.

Cambridgeshire Sands is currently looking for new Committee members to help them run the Group and people to train as Befrienders. Sands support groups are run on a voluntary basis by people many of whom have themselves experienced the death of a baby. However not all Committee members have to be bereaved parents. As long as you have an empathy and interest in our work we would urge you to get involved. Befrienders, most of whom are bereaved parents, grandparents or close relatives or friends, are also needed to provide support to anyone affected by the death of a baby over the phone and in person at group meetings. The new befrienders must successfully complete Sands' befriender training, and a minimum of two years must have passed since their baby died.

For further information on the roles or to find out more about the group contact Rose Abrehart, East Network Coordinator at Sands on 07707 480020 or email: rose.abrehart@sands.org.uk

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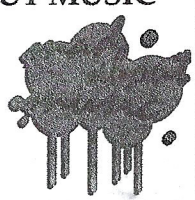

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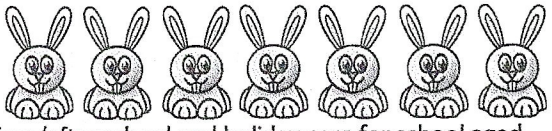

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These sessions are not only for Childminders but also for any children aged 0–5 years and their parents/carers to attend – so come along and join us!

Government Funding for 3 and 4 year olds (15–30 hours per week) – 'Universal' and 'Extended'.

Some of our Childminders are now registered to offer Government Funded places for children aged 3 & 4 years old (+ qualifying 2 year olds). The Funded hours each week can be shared between a Childminder and your child's Pre-school and/or Nursery. Below is a list of our Childminders – those who offer Government Funding have a letter 'F' before their name:

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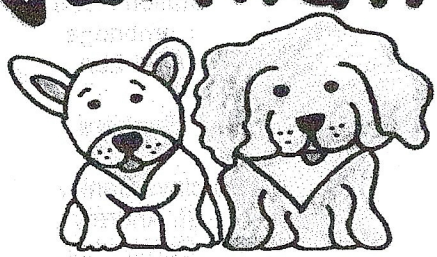

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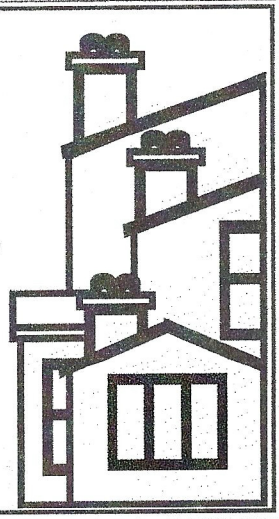

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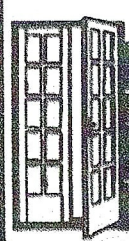

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Day 2 *(continued)*

Heavy rain here 6-10am. With another quick shower at 12.20pm. The footballers were in their element.

Up too early for breakfast at the B&B so left for breakfast at the Stirling Court Hotel on campus. Just as well. I was approached by the Games Volunteer Co-ordinator, Mary, who asked me to become an on-call driver for the athletes.

After breakfast I helped pack up the lunch bags with sandwiches before going to collect a hire car, a Ford 9-seater people carrier. First job was to take sponsorship banners to the Swimming Pool.

For lunch I bought myself a superfoods salad at the McRoberts cafe.

From 5.15pm I was driving the Scotland West boccia team from the sports hall to the dinner hall.

In Bridge of Allan we spotted a tapas bar called Crooks. Since my maiden name is Crook I asked for their 20% discount even though it was a little after the cut-off 6pm. We enjoyed a quick dinner then set off back to the campus to collect the athletes from dinner and take them back to the accommodation block, Alexander Court at the top of the hill past Airthrey Castle.

We returned to our B&B at 9pm and enjoyed a glass of wine with a pear and some peanuts. Set the alarm for 5.30am.

Day 3

At 6am, the car thermometer read 4°C. The sun was rising casting a golden glow on top of the mist on the fields. As I got nearer the campus the sunrise highlighted the Wallace memorial beautifully.

First pick up at 6.30am at The University, half hour drive away from my bed! Collected the West Scotland boccia team and took them to breakfast and returned to collect a second group to take them to breakfast.

Bagged myself a cuppa and a pain au chocolat at 7.30am from Hamish the mini javellin star from Eastern. Drove them from the Lodges to the campus for breakfast and returned to the top of the campus for the next group ready to go to breakfast. On the way I picked up Hamish again who was ready to go home. At 9am I returned to the volunteer hub at the hotel. Had my pain au chocolat and another cup of tea for breakfast and relaxed until 11am.

Invited to accompany the roving reporter attending the indoor bowling at Stirling. Chatted with a coach finding out the rules of the game. On our way back to the campus we diverted to Bridge of Allan for lunch at Jam Jar cafe. I nodded off in the car after lunch and stayed in the car for a 20 minute power nap.

When I arrived at the volunteer hub an appeal for a security guard at the car park came in, so off I went for a 2 hour shift. I had to explain to visitors why they couldn't enter and move the barrier for the official volunteers coming in with merchandise, athletes or arranged collection of athletes.

At 4.30pm I walked around the lake, taking in the views of the surrounding hills and the Wallace Monument, on my way back to the "taxi" parked in the hotel car park ready for my evening shift.

At 5.15pm I collected the boccia team from the sports hall to take them up to their accommodation to get ready for the ceilidh. Our route was the 25km cycle road race course which was being measured and coned ready for the event.

— FEBRUARY BULLETIN — CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Register your appliances

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service is encouraging residents to register their appliances for a safer 2019. All you have to do is visit registermyappliance.org.uk, and register large appliances bought in the last 12 years.

Registering appliances can instantly improve safety in the home as it ensures that householders can be contacted swiftly if a safety repair is ever needed or if an item is recalled by the manufacturer.

With many households relying on appliances every day to handle essential chores, chill food and cook for their families, this quick task can give you peace of mind.

As an incentive to encourage owners to register their appliances, many of the leading brands on registermyappliance.org.uk are offering to enter registrants into free draws for a range of desirable prizes. Appliances being registered don't have to be in warranty, or brand new to be applicable.

Get the call – become an on-call firefighter

We are looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help serve local communities across the county.

CFRS is looking for men and women from all backgrounds to become on-call firefighters and provide emergency cover from either their home or their workplace.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of our service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

It's a hugely rewarding role, and we hope to encourage members of the community from all backgrounds to get in touch and find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter.

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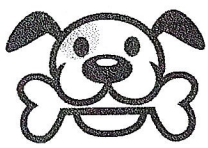

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The extended outdoor learning environment provides opportunities from growing fruit and vegetables for our snack bar to exploring the mud kitchen, large sand pit and our sensory garden.

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In case you were unaware, please see this article from the Dry Drayton village newsletter from last year:

"Tragic Incident and closure of permissive footpath.

The permissive path that runs from point a to point b on Drill Lodge, High Street Dry Drayton will be shutting permanently as of Sunday 17/6/18. This is due to dog attacks on our horses resulting in bite injuries and the subsequent death of our horse due to injury after running into our fence after being chased by a loose dog. If you could pass on this information please. Signs have been put up on the footpath accordingly. Police are involved and if dogs are caught on our land amongst our horses we are within our rights to protect them. Please, please, please keep your dog leashed when around livestock, it is a criminal offence to let dogs roam and can lead to prosecution, death of dog and a huge fine. As it is we are mourning the loss of Rudi who as a ex racehorse deserved to live in peace in his own field and not spend the last two hours of his life bleeding to death."

Please be cautious about letting dogs off the lead around the horses.

— COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT —

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and offer you my best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019. I am sure that the coming year will present many challenges and look forward to working with you all to address them.

The meeting in December gave approval to the Treasury Management Report for Quarter 2 and to a proposal from Constitution and Ethics that joint working should be established between Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Health & Wellbeing Boards. Approval was also given for the appointment of a replacement Cambridgeshire Chairman for the Board. Chairman of Council's announcements included news about awards made to the Council: the first was the achievement of a silver award in the Ministry of Defence's employer recognition scheme which the Council received for its support of the armed forces and their spouses/partners/families, reservists and veterans. The Council is a lead signatory to the Cambridgeshire Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Council's 'See the Difference' campaign, with its successful focus on the recruitment of staff to support people to live independently, saw it shortlisted from 420 national entries and awarded one of the 18 categories, that for best research and evaluation. The Council's summer programme for those with special educational needs won the National Citizen Service Award at the Children & Young People Now Awards. Now in its sixth year in Cambridgeshire, the programme is offered to all young people. The Council was recognised for its work in supporting 24 young people with special educational needs and disabilities who would not otherwise have been able to participate.

The additional funding for Health & Social Care recently announced by Government has been allocated to the commissioning of additional support services to alleviate winter pressure on the NHS. The £2.395m that was allocated to Cambridgeshire will be used to commission additional discharge car hours and reablement provision. The aim is to improve performance on discharging patients from hospital, freeing up beds and reducing waiting times for others.

As a member of the Fire Authority I was pleased to see recognition of Station Commander Farsi Raoufi in the Queen's New Year Honours list for his services to equality and inclusion both in his role with Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service [CFRS]. Inspired by the community support he himself received when he arrived in the UK at the age of fourteen, he spent time as a youth worker before joining CFRS in 1991. During 17 years of volunteering he has supported young people and vulnerable adults in a variety of situations.

In the last few weeks I have met twice with the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement team. The first meeting was one of those I regularly have with them when we discuss and try to resolve some of the issues that residents have raised. The second meeting which Heidi Allen had requested was wider reaching and allowed me the opportunity of a tour of both the on and off-line works, at one point sitting watching traffic on the existing A14 from a vantage point on the new road. We were told that the project is currently on budget and on schedule.

Thank you to all of you who have been in touch recently. Please do continue to contact me with your views and questions on the issues that are important to you.

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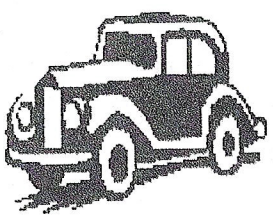

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All You Wanted to Know about Bats

We invite you to a talk on Wednesday **13th March** at **7.30pm.**

Our speaker will be Aidan Matthews, who works for the Wildlife Trust as the West Cambridgeshire Reserves Manager. He is also an active member of the Bedfordshire Bat Group. Aidan has an extensive knowledge about this group of mammals and for this talk, he will focus his attention on the many different bats found in our region. Aidan will also demonstrate the technology that is used for monitoring bats and will be pleased to answer any of your questions.

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HEIDI ALLEN, MP

Happy New Year! As we embark on 2019, I am certain it promises to be another very full year.

My first meeting of 2019 was with Highways England (HE) to discuss the A14 and the A428 and was joined by Councillors Lynda Harford and Ruth Betson.

I asked for the meeting not only to be updated on the progress of the A14 but also to make HE aware of the concerns which residents and businesses have raised with me about the inconvenience created by the work.

When delivered, the A14 improvement scheme will provide significantly better infrastructure, but throughout the construction period, I am maintaining regular contact with HE to ensure inconvenience is kept to an absolute minimum. A detailed summary of the meeting is on my website – https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/news/heidi-allen-mp-puts-residents-concerns-a14-project-team

As my newsletter can only ever be a snapshot of my work, I keep my website updated with details of what I am doing on your behalf. Why not take a look at https://www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk/? At the beginning of January for example, I posted a video on the dedicated Brexit page in which I set out my views on the looming vote in the House of Commons on the Withdrawal Agreement. (By the time you read this, I'm hoping it will have been and gone!)

At the end of 2018, we heard that Addenbrooke's is to get a new children's hospital. The need for a dedicated children's hospital in our region has been talked about for longer than I have been around, so it is wonderful that it will now be delivered. We all know Addenbrooke's is a centre of excellence and this new children's hospital will enable them not only to continue to provide first class care in a new purpose built hospital but will also free up valuable space in the existing building. 2019 also sees the opening of the Royal Papworth Hospital on the site and plans for a train station pick up pace!

Cambridgeshire County Council received a funding boost, taking the Council's funding allocation to £386.5 million. This is a very welcome boost to spending on services in South Cambridgeshire.

The Autumn Budget also announced £6,294,319 for Cambridgeshire for adult and children's social care to help alleviate winter pressures on the NHS.

I continue to press for improved funding for our schools, and am working on a new campaign to drive the message home hard to Ministers, ahead of this year's major Government spending review.

Cambridgeshire Police have seen an increase in their funding from central Government and in addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has launched a consultation on the Police's share of Council Tax for 2019/20. The PCC is proposing an increase to the Police's share of the Council Tax of £2 per month per household (based on a Band D property). Please have your say – http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/say-police-funding-cambridgeshire-2/

If there is anything you would like to talk , my next "drop in" surgery (no appointment is necessary) is on Saturday **9th February** between **10.30–12.30pm** at Caxton Village Hall, Gransden Road, Caxton, CB23 3PL. My next "by appointment" surgery will be Friday **1st March** between **3–5pm** at Melbourn Community Hub, 30 High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ. If you would like an appointment, please call my office on 01223 830037. I can also be contacted at E: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk.

– DISTRICT COUNCILLOR NOTES –

Council borrowing cap lifted for Council Houses

In this year's autumn budget, the Chancellor gave confirmation that the cap on the amount authorities can borrow to invest in new Council homes will be lifted. The borrowing cap has been widely seen as the greatest restraint on the ability of Councils to build new homes.

The HRA – Housing Revenue Account – is a ringfenced budget which operates separately from the Council's other operations. The HRA gets its income from tenants in the form of rents and service charges, and the money it spends is for maintaining existing housing stock and increasing that stock (i.e. building more homes). Currently councils are limited to how much they are allowed to borrow which is far tighter than the value of their assets (e.g. the housing stock). These limits or cap on borrowing were originally introduced as a means to control public borrowing. Clearly councillors and councils will need to exercise caution when borrowing money to invest in the HRA, with a clear business plan and vision of what can be achieved that is manageable in the long term. I believe that this change by the Government to allow councils to borrow could have a huge impact in getting some councils increasing their own stock.

Even with the borrowing cap in place, the authority has amassed extensive experience in building high-quality Council homes. 100 have been built in South Cambridgeshire, or have started being constructed, since 2015. This includes new affordable housing already completed in Gamlingay, Swavesey, Linton, Foxton, Great Abington and Waterbeach. On top of this, the Council already has plans for up to a further 200 new Council houses to be built across the district over the next five years, including in Waterbeach, Teversham, Caldecote, Great Abington and Hardwick.

The Council is looking forward to receiving the full detail so that it can build more desperately needed homes across South Cambridgeshire.

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Tackling loneliness

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www.scambs.gov.uk/community/a-toolkit-for-tackling-social-isolation-and-loneliness/

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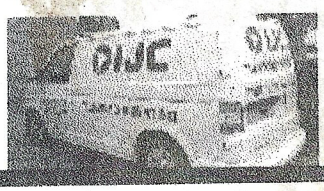

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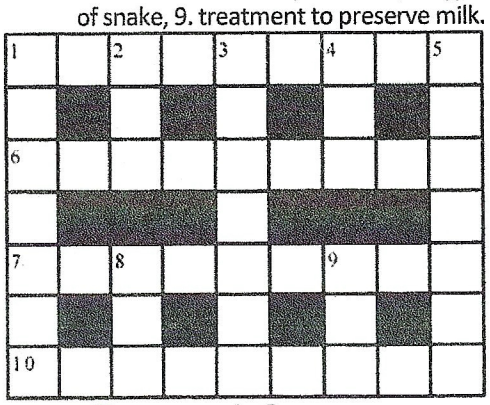
— FEBRUARY CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. echoed, 6. Saint for February, 7. type of compost, 10. hurried.

Down: 1. turn, 2. Spanish sun, 3. anonymous, 4. Welshman's name, 5. feared, 8. type of snake, 9. treatment to preserve milk.



DECEMBER'S SOLUTION

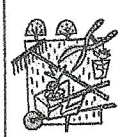
Across: 1. Christmas, 6. "and the ivy", 7. odd job man, 10. semesters.

Down: 1. chamois, 2. red, 3. schools, 4. Mai, 5. sayings, 8. dam, 9. MBE.

— BIN COLLECTION —

31st January	blue
7 February	black
14 February	blue and green
21 February	black
28 February	blue
7 March	black
14 March	blue and green
21 March	black
28 March	blue and green
4 April	black
11 April	blue and green

— THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —



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All other allotment matters should be addressed to: barhillallotment@gmail.com.

— USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS —

Out of Hours Medical Emergencies		111
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	Church office	01954 206120
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Royal British Legion, Health & Wellbeing at Tesco	*Wendy Arrowsmith*	01954 781381
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— FEBRUARY PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter electronic terms, in groups of three letters, in alphabetical order.

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— EVENTS CALENDAR —

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
1 Feb	Charity Quiz for Sarcoma UK *(page 8)*	BHSSC	7.30pm
2 Feb	Glamtastic in the village hall *(page 8)*	Village Hall	8pm
4 Feb	Happy Hours – sing-a-long *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
5 Feb	Rhymetime *(page 4)*	Library	2.15–2.45pm
5 Feb	Residents' Association Committee meeting *(page 1)*	Parish Council office	7.30pm
7 Feb	NWR – Natural Phenomena *(page 3)*		8pm
7 Feb	8 O'Clock Club – development of Ely Cathedral *(page 3)*	School	8pm
9 Feb	Storytime *(page 4)*	Library	11–11.30am
11 Feb	Happy Hours – Your favourite love story/film/song *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
12 Feb	Rhymetime *(page 4)*	Library	2.15–2.45pm
12 Feb	Health and Wellbeing Club *(page 3)*	Tesco Community Room	2–4pm
15 Feb	Valentine's disco *(page 8)*	BHSSC	7.30pm
16 Feb	The Olive Tree *(page 25)*	Octagon	10.30–11.30am
18 Feb	Happy Hours – Pictionary *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
19 Feb	Rhymetime *(page 4)*	Library	2.15–2.45pm
21 Feb	Fairies and Superheroes event *(page 16)*	PreSchool (Village Hall)	9.30–11.30am
21 Feb	NWR – Hair and Wigs *(page 3)*		8pm
25 Feb	Happy Hours – Did You Know? *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
26 Feb	Rhymetime *(page 4)*	Library	2.15–2.45pm
26 Feb	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 3)*	BHSSC	7.30pm
2 Mar	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am–2pm
2 Mar	Charity Quiz for Jos Cervical Cancer Trust *(page 8)*	BHSSC	7.30pm
4 Mar	Happy Hours – Pancake Art *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
7 Mar	NWR – Talk by John Drayton, MBE *(page 3)*		8pm
7 Mar	8 O'Clock Club – history of salt *(page 3)*	School	8pm

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